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Leadership Group Meeting for the Alaskan Way Viaduct Project and Seawall Project

Tuesday, February 12, 2002

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Bell Harbor International Conference Center

International Promenade

2211 Alaskan Way, Pier 66

SEATTLE – The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the City of Seattle (City) announce the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Project's Leadership Group meeting. At this meeting, WSDOT and the City are seeking the Leadership Group's feedback on design plans being considered for replacing or retrofitting the existing viaduct and seawall. WSDOT and the City will also seek broad public input at a series of open houses held in late February and early March. These design plans look at replacing or retrofitting the viaduct and seawall by constructing an aerial structure and/or cut-and-cover tunnel. Also addressed, as part of the design plans, are options for improved safety, replacing or retrofitting the Battery Street tunnel, new connections into the downtown business core, and integration of the seawall and viaduct solutions to minimize construction impacts.

The Leadership Group acts as a sounding board to the project and supplements broad public involvement activities taking place concurrently. Feedback from the public and Leadership Group will help shape future work on the design plans. It is anticipated that a preliminary preferred design plan will be selected in Summer 2002.

For more information visit WSDOT's online site: www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/viaduct or call the project hotline at 206-269-4421.

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